Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 KUWAIT 01879 110904Z
ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02
INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02
SS-15 USIA-15 OMB-01 IO-13 EUR-12 /103 W
----------110905Z 021860 /20
R 110535Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7710
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO
AMEMBASSY SANA

UNCLAS KUWAIT 1879

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, ET, SU, SO, KU
SUBJECT: KUWAITI INVOLVEMENT IN RED SEA ISSUES

1. ETHIOPIA. KUWAITI PRESS OF APRIL 9 INDICATES THAT OROMU (PHONETIC) LIBERATION FRONT LEADER FROM ERITREA, MUSTAFA BEN-ABDULLA BEN-IDRIS, IS IN KUWAIT AND HAS MET WITH MFA OFFICIALS AND MINISTER FOR ISLAMIC AFFAIRS HERE. BEN-IDRIS REPORTEDLY SAID HE IS TRYING TO GATHER FURTHER ARAB SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED RESISTANCE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT IN ADDIS ABABA, NOTING THAT THERE IS CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN HIS GROUP AND THE OTHER "LIBERATION FRONTS."

2. SOMALIA. THE PRESIDENT OF SOMALIA IS REPORTED TO BE SENDING HIS MINISTER OF EDUCATION WITH A WRITTEN MESSAGE TO THE AMIR OF KUWAIT, REGARDING RED SEA MATTERS AND BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. SUDAN AND ETHIOPIA. SUDANESE EDUCATION MINISTER, DAF'
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 KUWAIT 01879 110904Z

ALLAH AL-HAJ YUSUF, GAVE INTERVIEW TO REPORTER IN KUWAIT (PRINTED APRIL 9) IN WHICH HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED TAIZ CONFERENCE WITH KUWAITI LEADERS AND HAD CONVEYED A MESSAGE REGARDING IT TO THE AMIR. HE REJECTED THE IDEA THAT RED SEA QUESTIONS WERE SOMEHOW TIED TO THE US-SOVIET "INTERNATIONAL GAME," IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTION. MINISTER YUSUF REPORTEDLY SAID THAT TAIZ CONFERENCE WAS

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

NECESSITATED BY "ESCALATION OF SITUATION" THREATENING RED SEA SECURITY AND THAT, SINCE THIS CONFERENCE, SUDANESE OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN CONSULTING ARAB BROTHERS ON THREATS TO SUCH SECURITY. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S QUERY ON NEW ETHIOPIAN-LIBYAN "AXIX" MINISTER YUSUF DENIED ANY SUDANESE INTENT TO GAIN ENMITY OF EITHER COUNTRY AND REJECTED CONCEPT OF COUNTERVAILING "AXIS." HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SUDAN SUPPORTS "ERITREAN REVOLUTION" WHICH HE CLAIMED WOULD BE SUCCEEDING EVEN BETTER THAN AT PRESENT IF IT WERE NOT FOR OUTSIDE SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT.
MAESTRONE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW, SECURITY, VISITS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS, RED SEA
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 11-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977KUWAIT01879
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770125-0256
Format: TEL
From: KUWAIT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770470/aaaacinq.tel
Line Count: 73
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 3dc72fa7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2845921
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KUWAITI INVOLVEMENT IN RED SEA ISSUES
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, ET, SU, SO, KU, OROMU LIBERATION FRONT, (BEN-IDRIS, MUSTAFA BEN-ABDULLA), (YUSUF, DAF ALLAH AL-HAJ)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/3dc72fa7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009